

Recall Last Time:  
Elimination Method.

New! § 4.2 Systems in 3 variables.  
More stuff goin' on.

System with ...  
... unique solution

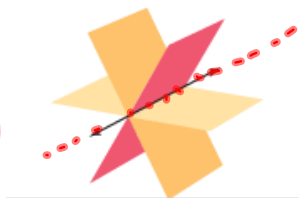


... no solution



... infinitely many solutions.

(They intersect along a line)



Only way this happens in 2-D is  
if the 2 lines are the same line!

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 6 \\ 4x + 6y &= 12 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 6 \\ y &= -\frac{2}{3}x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Tryin' to  
hide it from ya.

Last time, we got part way thru solving this system

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x - y + z = 2 \\ R2 \quad -x - y + z = 3 \\ R3 \quad 2x - y - z = 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x - y + z = 2 \\ R1+R2 \quad -2y + 2z = 5 \\ -2R1+R3 \quad -y - 3z = -1 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{l} x - y + z = 2 \\ -2y + 2z = 5 \\ y - 3z = -1 \end{array}$$

The coefficient of y is one. Nice.

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x - y + z = 2 \\ R2 \quad y - 3z = -1 \\ R3 \quad -2y + 2z = 5 \end{array}$$

use it to get rid of the  $-2y$

Scratch:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2R2 \quad 2y - 6z = -2 \\ R3 \quad -2y + 2z = 5 \\ \hline 2R2+R3 \quad 0 - 4z = 3 \end{array}$$

Crystal  
Rocked  
this.

FINAL SYSTEM is triangular, like we want

$$z = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$x - y + z = 2$$

$$y - 3z = -1$$

$$z = -\frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow y - 3z = y - 3\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = -1$$

$$y + \frac{9}{4} = -1 \cdot \frac{4}{4}$$

$$y = -\frac{9}{4} - \frac{4}{4} = \boxed{\frac{-13}{4}} = y$$

$$z = -\frac{3}{4}, y = -\frac{13}{4}$$

Unique

Sol'n:

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{13}{4}, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$$

Sol'n SET:

$$\left\{ \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{13}{4}, -\frac{3}{4}\right) \right\}$$

ORDERED TRIPLE

$$x - y + z = 2$$

$$x - \left(-\frac{13}{4}\right) + \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = 2$$

$$x + \frac{13}{4} - \frac{3}{4} = 2$$

$$x + \frac{10}{4} = 2$$

$$x + \frac{5}{2} = 2$$

$$x = 2 - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{2} - \frac{5}{2} = \frac{4-5}{2} = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2} = x}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x + 3y + 2z = 2 \\ R2 \quad 2x + 7y + 5z = 7 \\ R3 \quad x + 4y + 3z = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x + 3y + 2z = 2 \\ R2 \quad \quad y + z = 3 \\ R3 \quad \quad y + z = 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \\ -2R1+R2 \\ -R1+R3 \end{array} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \end{array} \right]$$

New System

$$\begin{array}{l} x + 3y + 2z = 2 \\ \quad y + z = 3 \end{array}$$



$$0 = 1$$

Absurd!

No Solution.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

Augmented Matrix

$$\begin{array}{l} -2R1 \quad -2x - 6y - 4z = -4 \\ R2 \quad 2x + 7y + 5z = 7 \end{array}$$

$$\hline -2R1+R2 \quad \quad y + z = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{l} -R1 \quad -x - 3y - 2z = -2 \\ R3 \quad x + 4y + 3z = 6 \end{array}$$

$$\hline -R1+R3 \quad \quad y + z = 4$$

$$-R2 \quad -y - z = -3$$

$$R3 \quad y + z = 4$$

$$\hline -R2+R3 \quad \quad 0 = 1$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & | & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R1 \\ -2R1+R2 \\ -R1+R3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Change that  
6 to 9 5

$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \\ R2 \\ -R2+R1 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 2 & 7 & 5 & | & 7 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & | & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R1 \\ -2R1+R2 \\ -R1+R3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} R1 \\ R2 \\ R3 \end{array}$$



$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \\ R2 \\ -R2+R3 \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & | & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & | & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system:

$$x + 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$y + z = 3$$

$$0 = 0$$

2 eq's, 3 var's.  
one variable  
got free.  
Let  $z$  be free!

$$y + z = 3$$

$y$  depends on  $z$ :  $y = -z + 3$

$$x + 3y + 2z = 2$$

$$x + 3(-z + 3) + 2z = 2$$

$$x - 3z + 9 + 2z = 2$$

$$x - z + 9 = 2$$

$$x - z = -7$$

$x$  depends on  $z$   $x = z - 7$

$z$  is "independent"

## Reductio Ad Absurdum "RAA"

The assumption underlying ALL this work is that there IS a solution.

That assumption led to the conclusion that  $0=1$ ! ABSURD

Therefore the assumption was false.

There IS No Solution

Solving a system in 3 variables:

Eliminate  $x$  in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> eq'ns.

Eliminate  $y$  in the 3<sup>rd</sup> eq'n.

Back-Substitute

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$$\begin{array}{l} R1 \quad x - y + z = 2 \\ R2 \quad -x - y + z = 3 \\ \hline R1+R2 \quad \quad -2y + 2z = 5 \\ \\ -2R1 \quad -2x + 2y - 2z = -4 \\ R3 \quad 2x - y - z = 3 \\ \hline -2R1+R3 \quad \quad y - 3z = -1 \end{array}$$

New System

$$x - y + z = 2$$

$$-2y + 2z = 5$$

$$y - 3z = -1$$

→ Can be solved like a  $2 \times 2$  with that solution, back-track to find  $x$  in 1<sup>st</sup> equation.